

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[Example 4]

The ~~mercerized~~ pulp prepared in Example 3 was beaten so as to be 400 mL C. S. F. and handmade paper of 100 g/m² was prepared by using the pulp.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[Comparative Example 6]

The ~~mercerized~~ pulp used in Comparative Example 5 was beaten so as to be 400 mL C. S. F. and handmade paper of 100 g/m² was prepared by using the pulp.